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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
EXAMINERS

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS
COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF
THE LICENSE OF

: Administrative Action

:
CONSENT ORDER

GERALDINE LANCIERI-PANZERA, M.A., LPC
LICENSE NO. 37PC00322200

TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee"), of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Heather L. Altman's application for licensure as a Professional Counselor. Ms. Altman disclosed in her application that although she is not licensed, she worked as a counselor in a for-profit setting under the supervision of respondent, Geraldine Lancieri-Panzera, M.A., LPC and that Ms. Lancieri-Panzera supervised 2,625 hours of her

counseling experience at Maxim Healthcare in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Respondent submitted a letter of recommendation admitting that she was Ms. Altman's supervisor at Maxim Healthcare.

It appears to the Committee that respondent, as Ms. Altman's supervisor, aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of professional counseling. Respondent permitted and supervised Ms. Altman's counseling in a for-profit setting despite Ms. Altman's lack of an associate professional counselor license, the minimum requirement for provision of such services in a for-profit setting in New Jersey.

Having reviewed the entire record, the Committee finds that respondent has aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of professional counseling in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a). It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 7th DAY OF May, 2009

ORDERED:

1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a).

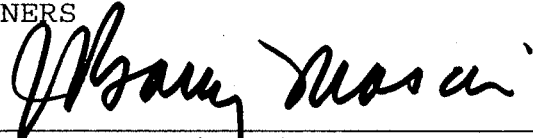
2. Respondent is reprimanded for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a).

3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Payment shall be made by certified check

or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Providing that respondent complies with the terms of the Consent Order, the civil penalty shall be stayed.

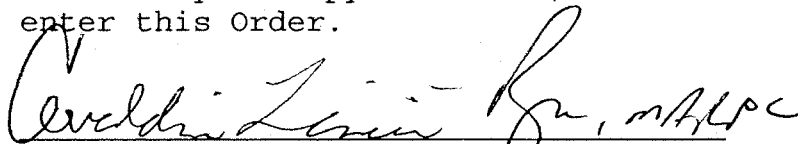
4. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as are permitted by law.

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J. Barry Mascari, Ed.D., LPC
President

I have read the above Order
and I understand and agree to
abide by its terms. Consent is
hereby given to the Professional
Counselor Examiners Committee
of the State board of Marriage
and Family Therapy Examiners to
enter this Order.



Geraldine Lancieri-Panzera, M.A., LPC